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 For: HYBRID ARTICLES COMPRISING A )  
 RIGID PART AND A PART BASED )  
 ON A THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

a, 4b' 1 (Amended) An article comprising a part consisting of a rigid element (1) of elongate shape, at least one part of which has a cross section which has a profile defining a concave space, and comprising at least one part made of thermoplastic material (2) associated with the rigid element and positioned in the concave space of the rigid element, wherein the part made of thermoplastic material is in contact on at least two lines which are continuous in the longitudinal direction, and in that the part made of thermoplastic material has a cross section comprising at least one hollow (4).